

Revive Us Again!

Part 1 – Revival 101

Scripture: Ps 85:6 (TNIV)

A. What Is Revival?

1. Ps 85:6 - Israel returning from Babylon captivity
- V6 – Deep & desperate cry

⁶ Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

2. Definition

a. “Revive” – To resuscitate; impart new lease of life; new vigour & vitality; to awaken from sleep

b. Various definitions of revival –

- “...Revival is a remarkable increase in the spiritual life of God’s people, accompanied by an awesome awareness of God’s presence, intensity of prayer & worship, a deep conviction of sin with a passionate longing for holiness and effectiveness in outreach” (Brian Edwards)
- “Invasion from Heaven” (Stephen Olford)
- “Spiritual Revolution” (Andrew Murray)
- “Falling in Love With Jesus Again” (Vance Havner)
- “Focus on eternal things” (Brian Edwards)
- “Normal, NT Christianity” (Vance Havner)

c. Hosea 6:1-3 (Amplified) – Some things that happen in revival

¹COME AND let us return to the Lord, for He has torn so that He may heal us; He has stricken so that He may bind us up.

²After two days He will revive us (quicken us, give us life); on the third day He will raise us up that we may live before Him. (A)

³Yes, let us know (recognize, be acquainted with, and understand) Him; let us be zealous to know the Lord [to appreciate, give heed to, and cherish Him]. His going forth is prepared and certain as the dawn, and He will come to us as the [heavy] rain, as the latter rain that waters the earth.

- Returning to God
- Restoration & Healing
- Reality of God's Presence
- Relentless pursuit of God
- Refreshing rain

B. How Do We Start?

1. We must believe that revival is for us now!

- "... We can have revival anytime we meet God's conditions..." (Billy Graham)
- 2 Chron 7:14 (TNIV)

¹⁴ if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2. We must cultivate spiritual hunger

- Ps 107:9 (TNIV)

⁹ for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

- Clear the clutter, create space for the Holy Spirit